



January 2002

WHAS'UP?

Mayor's Youth Council Attends National Conference

Members of the Mayor's Youth Council attended a conference in Atlanta last month in order to meet with other youth delegates from around the country. The conference, the National League of Cities Congress of Cities, takes place annually and is primarily geared for elected officials of cities and towns from all over the country. Over the last four years there have been opportunities provided for youth to attend this conference and network with each other, as well as with the elected officials. This year is the second year in a row that members of the MYC have been able to take advantage of this great opportunity.

The three members who went to Atlanta, Matt Paul, Holli Ellis and Elizabeth Miskell, all attended a Youth Forum on Friday, December 7. This three-hour session provided them with the opportunity to discuss such issues as youth participation, the cause and effect of racism in the community, equality and diversity and violence prevention. The Forum was attended by Mayor Morgan, as well as other elected officials from around the country who support the voices and opinions of our youth. Matt Paul, Chairman of the MYC, says, "It's great to have the support of the Mayor and Town Council so that we can attend such an important conference like this one. I think we have learned a lot about what other youth from around the country are going through. We are really lucky to live in a Town like Fountain Hills where we don't have too many problems with violence or racism."

Other highlights from the conference include attending sessions with Mayors from major metropolitan cities like Detroit and Washington D.C., meeting with youth delegates from other Arizona cities like Peoria, and sitting in a session led by youth from around the country focusing on the youth perspective on race relations. Mayor Morgan and the Youth Council look forward to the opportunity to attend next year's conference in Salt Lake City, UT.

The youth delegates will make presentations about the conference to the Town Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission this month. For more information you can contact the MYC advisor, Corey Hromek, at 816-5170.



Skate Park Trip

All skaters ages 11 & up are welcome to show their stuff during the next trip to a local skate park! Skaters must wear appropriate clothing and bring protective gear. Bottled water will be provided on the day of the trip to anyone who registers. So bring your board and be ready for some highflying stunts!

Where: Freestone Skate Park, Gilbert
Date: Thursday, January 17, 2002
Times: 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Ages: 11 & up
Fees: \$5 / participant
Contact: Corey Hromek, 816-5170



Late Night

Don't miss out on the newest program in Town for teens: Late Night! This program will take place on the third Saturday of every month, and is for teens only! Each event will feature a DJ, tons of cool prizes, pizza, pop and plenty of games to keep everyone busy. The program starts at 7 p.m. and lasts until midnight! Students will be joined by members of the Fountain Hills Parks and Recreation Department, members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Scottsdale, Fountain Hills Branch staff and an officer with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department.

It all takes place on Saturday, January 26, 2002, at the High School Gymnasium. There is no fee to attend, so you have no excuse for not joining the rest of us! For more information call Corey Hromek, 816-5170.

Important Dates to Remember

The Mayor's Youth Council has two meetings scheduled for this month. If you are currently not a member, but are interested in joining, attend the next meeting and fill out the application to join – it's that easy! The meetings are set for Wednesday, January 9th and 23rd in the Lecture Hall. Both meetings will start at 2:30 p.m.. The meetings, which are planned by students and run by the students, are open to high school students only who are looking to get actively involved. Currently the MYC is nearly 50 members strong, but there's always room for more! Call Corey with Parks and Rec. at 816-5170 to hear more about it!

Community Service Opportunities

Are you looking to fulfill your requirements for community service? There are many ways to earn credit towards graduation by completing the hours of service you need. For more information you may attend the next Mayor's Youth Council meeting, held Wednesday, January 9, 2002, in the Lecture Hall on campus. The meeting will start at 2:30 p.m., and is attended by many students who are actively involved on campus and around Town. There are always plenty of chances to fulfill your requirements. Stop by to learn how! Call Corey at 816-5170, or email him at chromek@fh.az.gov, for more information.

Eat n' Run

This program is a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club and the Fountain Hills High School that takes place once a month during the school year at Golden Eagle Park. Students will take part in scheduled tournaments and special events during the high school lunch hours. Prizes will be raffled off at each event, and a lunch will be provided to all of those in attendance!

Where: Saguaro Ramada, Golden Eagle Park
 Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2002
 Times: 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
 Ages: Students in grades 9 – 12
 Fees: Free
 Contact: Corey Hromek, 816-5170



Fountain Hills Parks and Recreation

www.fh.az.gov

1 Main Contact _____

1 Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Participant's Name	Birth Date	Sex	Grade	T-shirt	Program Title	Course Number	Fee
TOTAL							

3 Signature of Participant _____

By signing above I understand that no medical insurance is provided for Town of Fountain Hills activities and agree to assume the risk for any injury related to my participation or the participation of my dependents. I agree to make no claims against the Town of Fountain Hills or any of its officers, employees, or volunteers for any injury or incident arising from this activity, however caused, including liability for negligence. I am physically able (or my dependent is physically able) to participate in this activity. I consent to any medical treatment my dependent needs while involved in this activity and I agree to pay for it. I realize that the Town

Mail to: Parks and Recreation Department, ATTN: Program Registration
 P.O. Box 17958, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269
 OR Deliver to: Town Hall, 16836 E. Palisades Blvd., Building A

Please make checks payable to:

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MYC UPDATE

By Lizzy Miskell

The Mayor's Youth Council had a very active December. We also had a lot of projects in preparation for the holidays. The MYC helped decorate the town Christmas tree on December 1. Our next project was the second annual fund-raiser started last year. We brought ornaments to the kids at Maricopa Medical Center's Child Care Unit. They decorated them for us, kept one or two for themselves, and then gave us the rest to sell outside of ACE Hardware on Saturday the 15th. Thanks to everyone who donated and to ACE for their support! We raised almost \$300 for the kids in the child care unit. We also helped set out and light Luminaria bags during the weekend before Christmas with the Chamber of Commerce and other town volunteers. Finally, the MYC officers, along with Mayor Sharon Morgan, Corey Hromek and Katie Moore, attended the National League of Cities Conference December 5-9. It was a great experience and a wonderful way to share ideas with other youth councils from around the country. We participated in a youth forum during which we discussed issues such as teen pregnancy, violence, drug/alcohol use, and youth participation. We acquired a lot of new ideas and were able to help other councils with things like community service, which we excel in. Overall it was a great month and we look forward to reconvening in 2002! Kellie Primosch was chosen as the member of the month for November because of her endless enthusiasm and many community service hours. Congratulations Kellie! Our next meeting is on January 9th, we hope to see you there. If you have any questions feel free to contact Corey Hromek at (480) 816-5170.

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